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Sir:

## NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE EXAMINER'S DECISION TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the Final Office Action mailed February 12, 2004 finally rejecting the pending claims 1, 10 and 13-19 in connection with the above-identified application.

concurrently filing Applicants are a Petition For Additional Third-Month Extension of Time. With an additional third-month extension of time, a response to the February 12, 2004 Final Office Action is due August 12, 2004. Accordingly, this Notice of Appeal is being timely filed.

Applicants have previously established small entity status and such status is still applicable. The required fee for filing a Notice of Appeal under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(b) for a small entity is ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$165.00) and a check for this amount is enclosed.

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No fee, other than the enclosed \$165.00 fee for filing a Notice of Appeal, is deemed necessary. However, additional fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

Respectfully submitted,

certify this hereby that correspondence is being deposited this date with the U.S. Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop AF, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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